

REMARKS

This response after a final rejection is respectfully believed to be admissible under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since the minor rejections were basically an explicit requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action or in the alternative would present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

In the Office Action of May 25, 2006, the Applicants deeply appreciate the indication of allowance of Claims 1, 3-6, and 12-14. The Examiner rejected Claims 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

Applicants have herein amended Claims 15, 19, and 21. Applicants believe that these amendments fully address the Examiner's reasons for rejection and objection and Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of Claim 15-21 and the Examiner's objections to the drawings be withdrawn in view of the following remarks.

Claims 15-18 Are Not Indefinite

Applicant has amended Claim 15 as helpfully suggested by the Examiner. Claims 16-18 are dependent on Claim 15 and were not independently rejected. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 19-20 Are Not Indefinite

Applicant has amended Claim 19 such that there is now proper antecedent basis for the phrase “the central planar portion.” Claim 20 is dependent on Claim 19 and was not independently rejected. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim 21 Is Not Indefinite

Applicant has amended Claim 21 to delete the reference to the aperture therethrough in line 4. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite be reconsidered and withdrawn.


The Drawings Do Not Require Amendment

All reference to an “aperture therethrough” the security stud has been removed by amendment of Claim 21. Therefore, it is respectfully believed that the drawings show all of the claimed elements. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants submit that this patent application is now in condition for allowance and notification of such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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